

S P O K E



NOVEMBER 15, 2007

THIS WEEK

PROGRAM CHAIR
SUSAN HERSBERGER

AERA ENERGY LLC

Aera Energy LLC (Aera) is one of California's largest oil and gas producers, accounting for approximately 30% of the state's production. With headquarters in Bakersfield, most of Aera's production is centered in the San Joaquin Valley. The company also has oilfield operations in the L.A. Basin and in Ventura and Monterey Counties. Aera produces approximately 185,000 barrels of oil and 67 million cubic feet of natural gas each day and has proved oil and gas reserves equivalent to more than 900 million barrels of oil.

This year Area celebrates 10 years as a leader in California's oil and gas production. Aera also celebrates the career of **E.J. (Gene) Voiland**, Aera's founding CEO and one of the industry's most respected leaders, who will retire at the end of this year. Gene Voiland will reflect on the changes he has been part of throughout his career and discuss what the future holds for Aera and the industry.

NOVEMBER 8, 2007 MEETING

CARLA MUSSER EDITOR

The meeting was called to order at 12:20 pm by **President, Daphne Harley**. The invocation was given by **Sandra Serrano**, who also shared the history of why we celebrate Veteran's Day. The flag salute was led by **Shawn Kelly**. **Major David Ebel** and **Suellen Anderson** co-led us in song. Standing in for our Sergeant-At-Arms, **Steve Williford** introduced our visiting Rotarian and guests. Our visiting Rotarian was **Ken Aitkin** from the Taft club. **Barry Zoeller's** guest was his son **Jordan**. **Riley Parker** had two guests, his wife **Jane Parker** and also **Joe Hanson** (also a Rotarian from the Breakfast club). **Joe Drew's** guest was **Konnie Roth**, his Executive Assistant at Tejon Ranch, and who also helped him with the Oktoberfest fundraiser.

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

President Daphne announced sign-ups for "Bell Ringing" are now being taken. The annual Salvation Army tradition of bell ringing will be on Friday, December 7th. Sign-up sheets are available through Evelyn and at the front table.

President Daphne called upon **Past President Beene** to report to the club on the board nominees for 2008-2009. Nominees for new board members are: **Eric Matlock**, **Colleen McGauley**, **Carla Musser**, and **Ben Taft**. The nominee for President succeeding **Harvey McCown** is **Duane Keathley**.



Presidential Material?!

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

November 22 **Thanksgiving - DARK**

November 29 **Great Valley Center**
Barbara Patrick

December 6 **Bakersfield JAM Basketball**
Michael Hirsch

December 13 **Visit to Stars Dinner Theater**

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Rotarians will be asked to vote on the nominees in a couple of weeks.

President Daphne asked all Veterans to stand and be recognized. She thanked them for their service to our country. Other good news announcements: **Major General James Whitehead** announced there will be a ceremony on Sunday, November 11, 2007, dedicating the new Kern County Veteran's Memorial. The location is Truxtun and S Streets. **Stan Eschner** announced the annual CALM Holiday Lights will be November 30-December 30. He asked for 20 Rotarians to donate \$100 each so that Downtown Rotary could again be a sponsor of this beautiful holiday event. Rotarians can sign-up with Evelyn if you have not already. **Jim Fillbrandt** recognized fellow Rotarian **Ben Stinson** for donating 170 chairs to Stars Theatre. **Colleen McGauley** recognized fellow Rotarian **Yvonne Chambers** for wearing her Rotary pin to class on a Tuesday night! Yvonne is scoring points with Daphne now! President Daphne asked **Mary Grider** to talk about her experience on a recent cruise. Mary shared how she met a man on a cruise that was wearing his Rotary pin. Had it not been for his Rotary pin they would not likely have struck a conversation and became friends. They shared stories throughout the cruise. **Kevin Oliver** reinforced Daphne's earlier message about the December 7th bell ringing and encouraged all to sign up for the traditional Downtown Bakersfield club event supporting the Salvation Army. Kevin also said the Salvation Army is in need of 250 turkeys to assist them in serving about 1,000 families. President Daphne thanked **Joe Drew, Tracy Kiser**, and **Patti Houchin** for their hard work in organizing the Oktoberfest. The Oktoberfest fundraiser brought in \$48,101.01!

President Daphne called upon Richard Beene to comment on Wednesday's newspaper. In Wednesday's paper on the front page of the Sports section there was a rather 'large' color photo of the Stockdale High School girl's tennis team celebrating its victory tennis match over Redwood. In the center of the picture was Richard's daughter, Hannah Beene. And, on page D5 of the same section there was another 'large' picture, only this one was entirely of "Hannah Beene" shown in an action shot during the game. Daphne asked Richard if that was any sort of conflict of interest. Richard volunteered a payment of \$101. 01 (keeping with the theme of Oktoberfest). **Ken Carter** spoke up and said that kind of "ad space" would cost him a whole lot more than \$100. Reluctantly, Richard recognized he could not win this one and volunteered \$200 for the two pictures. While Daphne was on a roll she asked **Shawn Kelly** if he had any good news announcements. Shawn stated his son, **Peter**, was named one of three top students at Liberty High School. Shawn volunteered a \$50 contribution to

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AREA MEETINGS

MONDAY

Bakersfield South - Noon
Holiday Inn Select

Wasco - Noon
Veterans Hall on Poplar Ave.

TUESDAY

Bakersfield North - Noon
Petroleum Club

Inyokern - 6:00 p.m.
Bernardino's

WEDNESDAY

Bakersfield West - Noon
Stockdale Country Club

China Lake - Noon
Heritage Inn

Shafter - 6:30 a.m.
Shafter Vet's Hall

Bakersfield Breakfast - 6:45 a.m.
Petroleum Club

Taft - Noon
Jo's Restaurant

Interact - 2:40 p.m. BHS
Auditorium #301

THURSDAY

Frazier Park Rotary - 5:30 p.m.
Los Pinos Restaurant

Bakersfield Downtown - Noon
Bakersfield Art Museum

Tehachapi - Noon
Kelcy's Restaurant

Delano - Noon
Kong's Dynasty

Kern River Valley - 6:00 p.m.
Ewings

FRIDAY

Bakersfield East - Noon
Veteran's Hall

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keep up with **Cindy Pollard's** contribution a couple of weeks ago!

PROGRAM

Program Chair, **Steve Sanders** introduced **Scott Garrison** (aka the 'real' Scott Garrison). Scott Garrison is a pilot volunteer and Captain with the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) in Kern County. Scott provided overall information about the CAP and why he's a member. He said he does it because it is a wonderful experience and a very rewarding way to help others. CAP pilots fly reconnaissance missions for homeland security, search and rescue and disaster relief. They transport medical personnel and supplies, blood and live tissue. In times of disaster, they assess damage and transport emergency personnel from site to site. CAP performs 95% of nation's inland search and rescue; 100 lives on average saved per year. Scott is also a volunteer and member of Angel Flight West (). Angel Flight West arranges free air transportation in response to health care and other compelling human needs. In plain terms, Angel Flight helps sick people with physical challenges get help or go where they would not normally be able to go. The volunteer supplies their plane and it is free to the person in need.

Daphne thanked Scott for his informative presentation. Daphne's parting words were: "It's not what you gather, but what you scatter." Meeting was adjourned 1:15 p.m.



What is this all about?

OFFICERS

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Daphne Harley.....President
Ray Watson.....Secretary
Neil Sawyer.....Treasurer
Paul Sheldon.....Sgt. at Arms

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1 year.....Steve Sanders
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.....David Price
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.....Mary Trichell

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